

Free Concerts at Oyster Creek Park



Seth James will take the stage at Oyster Creek Park **April 21** as part of Sugar Land's free Concert in the Park series.

The series will also include:

April 28 - Bourbon Street Beast
(New Orleans-style jazz)

May 5 - P.F. & the Flyers
(1950s and '60s music)

May 12 - Lonestar Bluegrass (bluegrass)

May 19 - Bleu Edmonson (country)

Special performances by Amber Laird and Hart 2 Hart will accompany the performances on April 21 and May 19, respectively. For more information, call (281) 275-2885.

Automatic External Defibrillators to Improve Public Safety

Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) are planned for availability at most City of Sugar Land buildings to allow timely treatment for cardiac arrest victims.

Each building having an AED will also have City staff trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and the use of AEDs. Currently, all fire department apparatus are equipped with AEDs, widely considered the definitive treatment for cardiac arrest.

When defibrillation is delivered within one minute of cardiac arrest, a person's chances of survival are about 90 percent. This is significant, because after 10 minutes, the chance of survival for a person without a heart rate is nearly zero.

Mark Your Calendar

- April

23 City Council Meeting
30 Last Day of Early Voting
- May

4 City Election Day
7 City Council Meeting
12 Mother's Day
18 Armed Forces Day
21 City Council Meeting
25 Municipal Pool Opens
27 Memorial Day,
City Offices Closed
28 City Council Meeting
- June

4 City Council Meeting
18 City Council Meeting
25 City Council Meeting
- July

2 City Council
4 Independence Day,
City Offices Closed
4 Red, White and Bluefest
16 City Council Meeting
23 City Council Meeting

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PLAY BALL!



Sugar Land Girls Softball Association and First Colony Little League Opening Day Ceremonies



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Dean A. Hrbacek
Mayor

James A. Thompson
At-Large Position One

Karyn K. Dean
At-Large Position Two

Donald Smithers
Mayor Pro-Tem, Single Member
District One

Cyril Hosley
Single Member District Two

J. Brian Gaston
Single Member District Three

David G. Wallace
Single Member District Four

City Management

Allen Bogard
City Manager

David Ellison
Assistant City Manager/Public Safety

Paul Hofmann
Assistant City Manager/Community
Services

Ask City

A resource for citizens who do not know where or whom to call, Ask City provides high quality customer service for Sugar Land residents and visitors. Inquiries, complaints, compliments and requests may be directed to 281/ ASK-CITY (275-2489).

U.S. 59 Hotline

For U.S. Highway 59 updates, call the U.S. 59 Hotline at (281) 276-9959.

Ellison Named Sugar Land Assistant City Manager



David L. Ellison joined Sugar Land as an assistant city manager, effective Jan. 7. He oversees the police and fire departments, information systems and the airport.

Ellison has devoted his entire 22-year career to public service at the local government level in Arizona, Minnesota and Texas. For the past four years, he has been assistant city manager in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he spearheaded the creation of a new Citizen and Neighborhood Resources Department in cooperation with community leaders and city staff.

Ellison spent the first 8 1/2 years of his career in Denton, where he became assistant to the city manager. He served as assistant city manager in Mankato, Minn.; Lubbock; and Carrollton.

James Callaway Named Development Services Director



James Callaway is Sugar Land's new development services director, with responsibility for current planning, building permits and inspections and code enforcement.

Prior to his appointment in November, he was the development services director for the

Hofmann Joins Sugar Land as Assistant City Manager

Paul Hofmann brings 18 years of experience to Sugar Land as one of the City's two new assistant city managers. He oversees the operations of public works, development services, transportation planning and parks and recreation.

As Alvin's city manager for the past three years, he played a leadership position in the creation of a long-range capital plan, thoroughfare plan and a program/performance-based budget. He also chaired the team responsible for creating a long-range economic development strategic plan.

Hofmann began his career with the City of Austin as administrative assistant to the city manager in 1983 and progressed to positions within the public works department.



A Bright Future Ahead for Sugar Land

Sugar Land's nine-member Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee continues to work toward updating the Goals, Objectives and Strategies section of the City's *Comprehensive Plan*, a document originally adopted in 1993. Appointed by City Council in July 2001, these citizens established 14 goals and are meeting weekly in developing the objectives and

strategies. The results are being presented to City Council. So far, the committee has presented information on Parks, Recreation, Leisure and Open Space, Infrastructure and Mobility and Transportation. For the detailed information on the Goals, Objectives and Strategies update, see the City's Web site.

Sign Up for Free E-Mail Updates

Internet surfers can now choose to receive automatic e-mail updates on Sugar Land activities. As a result of Sugar Land's latest Web site addition, information is available in one or all of the following areas: city updates, public safety updates and/or traffic updates. A subscription link called "E-News" is posted under

the "What's New" section of the City's Web site – www.ci.sugar-land.tx.us. Sugar Land's e-news is free of advertising, and subscription information is not made available to third parties. Those who sign up for the information service may unsubscribe at any time.



Station #6 will be constructed similar to Station #5 pictured here.

Fire Station #6 Nears Groundbreaking

Sugar Land's sixth fire station is a step closer with City Council's recent approval of an architectural design contract with Tackett Lodholz Architects. With a groundbreaking event scheduled this summer, Fire Station #6 is expected to open during the summer of 2003.

Only the second fire station to be built within Sugar Land's extraterritorial jurisdiction, Fire Station #6 will be located adjacent to

Greatwood on Sansbury Boulevard at Crabb River Road. Greatwood, River Park, Tara and Canyon Gate municipal utility districts will fund the construction and staffing of the fire station, which will include a crew of four firefighters 24 hours per day, seven days a week and an engine capable of responding to fires, medical emergencies and automobile collisions.

City Ordinances

Trim Your Trees

Proper trimming of trees within the street right of way ensures an unobstructed view of traffic signs for motorists; prevents hazards, such as low hanging limbs that could damage vehicles; and facilitates the safe passage of emergency response vehicles, such as fire engines. Chapter 26, Article I, Sec. 24-2 of Sugar Land's code of ordinances requires property owners to maintain their trees within Sugar Land's street right of way. Limbs that hang over the street must have a minimum clearance of eight feet at the curb, and tree limbs that hang over the center of the street should be cut higher than 12 feet to ensure the minimum clearance is maintained in the future. Public sidewalks require an eight foot height clearance to ensure safe pedestrian passage. The City inspects streets annually and notifies property owners of tree limb obstructions that violate the City's ordinance. Residents are required to trim their trees to comply with the ordinance.

Stake Signs

Sugar Land's reputation as a well maintained, attractive City is the product of residents who take pride in their community. A variety of measures are in place to ensure the high standards of Sugar Land residents are met. Chapter 4, Article III, Sec. 4-26 of the Sugar Land Development Code prohibits stake signs within the right-of-way of a public street or within a railroad right-of-way.

Leash Laws

Unrestrained pets pose a variety of concerns, not the least of which is public safety. Chapter 4, Article II, Sec. 4-12 specifies that it is unlawful for any person to allow an animal under his or her control to be running at large, and it is unlawful for any person to fail to take the acts necessary to prevent an animal under his or her control to run at large. The City may impound any animals found running at large.

To view ordinances, visit www.ci.sugar-land.tx.us/codes.htm.

Free Home and Business Security Surveys Reduce Insurance Costs

A certified crime prevention specialist will inspect your home or business and recommend cost effective measures to reduce your chances of burglary.

If the state's minimal security standards are met, a 5 to 15 percent homeowner insurance premium reduction is available. This service is provided absolutely free as a service of the Sugar Land Police Department. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Butch McAllister at (281) 275-2575 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Check Out Our History at Sugar Land Library

Did you know that a young filmmaker (think *E.T.*)* and a giggly blonde (think precious metal)** brought nationwide fame to Sugar Land in the 60s with the film *Sugar Land Express*?

Learn more about Sugar Land's rich history by visiting the new wall panel display at the Sugar Land Branch Library, 550 Eldridge Road. The four-panel display is featured in the meeting room and begins with Stephen F. Austin's original settlers and the area's development. The display is a great place to pick up tips on Sugar Land, like the source of the crown in Imperial Sugar's logo or the amazing location of the first City Hall.



Branch Librarian Barbara Barton (right) and Librarian Rosemary Patterson preview the new City display at the Sugar Land Branch Library.

Goldie Hawn
Steven Spielberg

Utility Assistance for Those in Need

Sugar Land offers water and wastewater customers an opportunity to contribute to a utility assistance program intended to assist elderly, disabled and financially disadvantaged residents by paying a portion of their bills. Participation in the program is as simple as checking the box labeled "\$1 Utility Assistance" on monthly water bills.

The program is administered by Fort Bend

Citizens Needed for Next Police Academy

The Sugar Land Police Department is looking for a few good men and women to participate in the next Citizens' Police Academy beginning Sept. 12.

The 13-week program offers citizens instruction in a variety of law enforcement areas, including crime scene investigations, firearms safety, self-defense and more.

Academy participants attend four practical

County Social Services; one of its major responsibilities is to determine eligibility. Examples of eligibility for the program include unemployment, persons 65 years of age or older, disabled persons on fixed incomes with no other source of income, single parent households and special hardship cases. For more information, please call (281) 275-2791.

sessions in which they conduct traffic stops, building searches, crime scene investigations and interviews. Participants are also taken to the police pistol range, where they are instructed on gun safety and proper shooting techniques.

For more information about the Citizens Police Academy, contact Sgt. Angie Womble at (281) 275-2520.

A Salute to Sugar Land's Finest

During National Police Week from May 13-19, Sugar Land residents are encouraged to recognize the brave men and women who ensure a safe community in which to live and work.

The weeklong recognition, established by John F. Kennedy in 1962, is highlighted each year by National Peace Officers' Memorial Day on May 15, which honors law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities or have become disabled in the performance of duty. The 14th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the



National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Monday, May 13.

We Want Your Suggestions for Capital Improvement Projects

To tailor Sugar Land's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to meet the needs of the community, residents can suggest future projects using the CIP form posted on the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.sugar-land.tx.us/pubwks/ciprequest.htm>.

Sugar Land's CIP benefits residents throughout the City with enhancements in park proj-

ects; recreation facilities; street extensions; pavement and sidewalk rehabilitation; water plant, water main, storm and sanitary sewer, water treatment and drainage improvements; and further development of the traffic management system.

Airport Lands Federal Funds for General Aviation Center



Tom DeLay.

The funding – obtained through the Airport Improvements Program (AIP), which is supported through user fees associated with aviation activities – will be used to fund a new general aviation facility and a new ramp for corporate aviation users.

The general aviation facility will be located on 60 recently acquired acres along State Highway 6. The Federal Aviation Administration provided 90 percent of the \$2 million purchase through funding previously secured by DeLay.



Tree Machine



Sugarland Properties, Inc. is expanding the tree canopy at the future site of Sugar Land Town Square. Environmental Design has been hired to bring mature live oaks onto the property and transplant existing pecan trees, some of which will be relocated to Eldridge Park. The company's 14-foot spade is one of the largest in the world.

Construction on the Sugar Land Marriott Hotel and Conference Center begins!

Construction on Fort Bend County's first four-star, full-service hotel and conference center began in March. The \$56 million project is scheduled to open by September 2003.

The 300-room hotel and 60,000-square-foot conference center are the first buildings to be constructed as part of the \$200 million Town Square development.

The privately owned hotel and City-owned conference center will be a focal point of Town Square, offering "first-class" meeting facilities in an upscale setting. The conference center's grand ballroom will be one of the largest in the metropolitan area. With



eight additional meeting rooms, a business center, landscaped court yard, gourmet coffee shop, 184-seat restaurant and other amenities, the hotel and conference center will be able to address the needs of business and non-profit organizations, as well as the general public's need for a large-event venue.

Sugar Land's New Downtown will be a Texas First

Sugar Land Town Square will be unique in the Houston region as a result of its urban-styled integration of office, retail and community elements in a true downtown setting. Located at U.S. 59 and Highway 6, the project will span 32 acres and include 200,000

square feet of upscale main street retail, a maximum of 700,000 square feet of Class A office space, and 280 upscale residential units along with the Sugar Land Marriott Hotel and Conference Center and a new City Hall.

Development Update

- All or a portion of the undeveloped property generally located near New Territory is expected to be sold by the state late this summer. Although the planning and development of the property could begin upon the sale, actual construction of residential homes or commercial sites could take two to three years.
- The City is currently reviewing a developer agreement and general land plan submitted by Riverstone Development Company for a master-planned community located on State Highway 6 just west of Murphy Road/University Boulevard. While a portion of the development will be within Missouri City, approximately 2,200 acres of the community will be located within the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of

Sugar Land. The 2,800-acre community is planned for 5,000 homes and 16,000 residents, which will include an estimated 3,800 homes and 12,000 residents in Sugar Land's ETJ. In addition to an 18-hole championship golf course, Riverstone will include approximately 300 acres of lakes; 500 acres of recreational complexes, open spaces and parklands; and 24 miles of pedestrian walkways and trails connecting 74 individual neighborhoods in Sugar Land's ETJ.

- The new Sam's Club next to Wal-Mart at State Highway 6 and U.S. Highway 90A is scheduled to open in the near future. Future developments near the 133,000-square-foot Sam's Club will include two restaurants.

City Council Election Draws Six Candidates

Sugar Land will hold a general election on May 4 for three positions on City Council. In the race for mayor are incumbent Dean A. Hrbacek and Councilmember David G. Wallace. Running for Council at-large posi-

MAYOR



Dean A. Hrbacek is currently serving his third term as mayor after being elected to two terms as District Four councilmember. Hrbacek is chairman of the Sugar Land Town Square Development Authority and a member of City Council's Economic Development Subcommittee. He is on the Board of Directors of the Houston, Galveston Area Council; the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council; and the Republican Club. He is also an advisory director of the Gulf Coast Water Authority and is on the Advisory Council of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce. He received a bachelor of science in accounting from the University of Houston at Clear Lake City and a doctorate of jurisprudence from the University of Houston Law Center. He is a member of the Sugar Land Rotary Club, a graduate of the Chamber's Leadership 2000 Program, a former First Colony Little League coach and a member of Christ United Methodist Church.

Hrbacek is a member of the Fort Bend County Bar Association and is board certified in tax law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. An attorney, certified public accountant and mediator with a Sugar Land practice, he, his wife and their three children have been residents of Sugar Land since 1987.

tion one is incumbent James A. Thompson and Tom Abraham and for Council at-large position two is incumbent Karyn Dean and Daniel Wong. All three positions serve two-year terms.



David G. Wallace presently serves on City Council representing District 4. He is the Council liaison for the Finance, Audit and Parks and Recreation Sub-Committees.

Wallace is chairman of Wallace & Associates Investments, Inc. and a member of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as a principal in a professional service firm that has served more than 400 public, private and nonprofit companies in the areas of strategic advisory, investment banking and business recovery. Wallace has served on the boards for several private and public companies.

Wallace's extensive record of community service includes board member and president of the Exchange Club of Sugar Land, as well as president of the Exchange Club's Texas Gulf Coast District. Wallace is currently a Board member and past president of the Fort Bend YMCA, where he was named 1999 Volunteer of the Year. He serves on the Finance Council at St. Laurence Catholic School, represents First Colony Community Association homeowners and was board chairman of the Tax Incentive Reinvestment Zone for First Colony Town Square. Recently, Wallace served on the Child Advocates of Fort Bend County Board of Directors and the East Fort Bend American Heart Association.

Wallace, his wife Kathy and two daughters have lived in Sugar Land for nine years.

AT-LARGE POSITION ONE



James A. Thompson was elected to at-large position one in May 2000, prior to which he served as District Four's Council member from 1996-2000. In addition to serving as mayor pro-tem, he has served as liaison to the Airport Advisory Board and the Municipal Joint Airport Advisory Board. While on Council, he has been a member of the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Committee, Surface Water Committee, Annexation Committee, Cable Franchise Committee, City Hall Design/Finance Committee, Audit/Finance Committee, Board Director on Sugar Land 4B Corporation, Sugar Land Town Square Development Authority and alternate liaison to the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Thompson is a past board member of Fort Bend Municipal Utility District No. 12 and past director and chairman of Fort Bend Levee Improvement District 2.

A former United States Air Force pilot, Thompson is currently president of Team Associates, Inc. He and his wife have three children and have lived in Sugar Land since 1978. He is a Charter member of the First Colony Little League, the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce and the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce. He is also a past director of the Fort Bend Chapter of the American Heart Association Board.



Tom Abraham has been a member of Sugar Land's Building Codes Board of Adjustment and Appeals for seven years. He has also served as president and vice president of the Sugar Lakes Homeowners' Association and the Hunter Wood Municipal Utility District. An independent business owner for 20 years, Abraham was a member of City of Houston Code Enforcement for five years and has worked as a training consultant for Exxon and a teacher at Lee College-Baytown. He earned a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and a master of science in business. He is a member of the Gulf Meadows Church of God.

A Sugar Land resident since 1989, he and his wife have two children.

AT-LARGE POSITION TWO



Karyn Dean was elected to at-large position two in May 2000. Prior to Council, she was a member of the Sugar Land Planning and Zoning Commission and the Sugar Land Census 2000 Committee.

Dean's extensive community involvement has included membership with the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, and she is a Leadership 2000 graduate. She is president-elect of the Fort Bend Exchange Club and board chair of Fort Bend Senior Citizens, Incorporated. In addition, Dean's service has included director of First Colony Municipal Utility District No. 3, president of The Commonwealth Civic Association and founding board member of both the Literacy League of Fort Bend and Friends of First Colony Library. She has been active in her children's schools, serving in positions ranging from room mother to site-based management committee team member. While on Council, Dean has served on the Finance/Audit, Human Resources and Technical Committees, Planning and Zoning Commission liaison and Council liaison to the Houston Galveston Area Council's Area on Aging Committee. She and her husband grew up in southwest Houston but moved to Fort Bend County in 1982 to raise their two children. Dean is a computer consultant by profession.



Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D., has served as the secretary of the Sugar Land 4B Corporation and a board member of the Sugar Land Airport Advisory Board, Sugar Land Development Corporation, Building Codes Board of Adjustment and Appeals and Sugar Land Economic Development Task Force. His community involvement has included board positions on the Fort Bend Young Men's Christian Association, Literacy Council of Fort Bend County and the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Regional Air Quality Planning Committee and Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization. He has also served as a board member of the Fort Bend Chinese American Association, as well as a member of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce.

He is a registered professional engineer and is the co-founder and owner of Tolunay-Wong Engineers, Inc. and R&D Constructors, Inc. Wong, his wife and two children have been residents of Sugar Land since 1990.

Exercise Your Right to Vote

Early voting for the May 4, 2002, Sugar Land City Council election will be held at Garcia Middle School, 18550 Old Richmond Road; Missouri City City Hall, 1522 Texas Parkway; and the First Colony Conference Center, 3232 Austin Parkway on the following dates and times:

Wednesday-Friday, April 17-19, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday-Friday, April 22-26, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, April 27, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sunday, April 28, from 1-5 p.m.
Monday-Tuesday, April 29-30, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

In addition, early voting will be held at the Fort Bend ISD Administration Building, 16431 Lexington Blvd.; Sugar Land City Hall, 10405 Corporate Drive; Willowridge High School, 16301 Chimney Rock; and Meadows Place City Hall, One Troyan Drive, on the following dates and times:

Wednesday-Friday, April 17-19, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday-Friday, April 22-26, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday-Tuesday, April 29-30, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

On Election Day – May 4, 2002 – Sugar Land residents must vote at their assigned precinct locations, which are:

Precinct 3009: Sugar Creek Country Club, 420 Sugar Creek Blvd.;
Precinct 3020: Sugar Land Church of God, 1715 Eldridge Road;
Precinct 3053 (p): Barrington Place Homeowners' Association, 13318 Rosstown Court;
Precincts 4011 and 4110: Colony Bend Elementary School, 2720 Planters St.
Precincts 4029, 4105 and 4132: Knights of Columbus Hall, 702 Burney Road;
Precinct 4042 (northwest of U.S. Highway 59): Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way;

Precinct 4042 (southeast of U.S. Highway 59), 4046, 4109 and 4121: Highlands Elementary School, 2022 Colonist Drive;
Precinct 4047: Colony Meadows Elementary School, 4510 Sweetwater Blvd.;
Precincts 4064 and 4111: Settlers Way Elementary School, 3015 Settlers Way Blvd.;
Precinct 4107: Sugar Lakes Clubhouse, 930 Sugar Lakes Drive;
Precinct 4119: Clements High School, 4200 Elkins Drive;
Precinct 4129: Fort Settlement Middle School, 5440 Elkins Drive;
Precinct 4131: Austin Parkway Elementary School, 4400 Austin Parkway.